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STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE NORTH CAROLINA AND VA. CHRISTIAN CONFERENCES.

CHURCHES.	Received	Withdr'wn	Expelled	Died	Total
O'Kelly's Chapel	6	.....	1	.....	119
Pleasant Spring	1	.....	.....	1	54
Pope's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	140
Hanks' Chapel	3	3	.....	1	160
Mount Auburn	7	.....	.....	.....	120
Oak Level	5	1	.....	.....	58
Union, Va	83	.....	.....	.....	200
Union, N. C	.....	.....	.....	.....	325
Pleasant Hill, Johnson	18	.....	.....	.....	60
Pleasant Hill, Chatham	12	.....	.....	.....	96
Wake Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	106
Christian Chapel	.....	2	.....	.....	130
Shallow Well	2	10	10	.....	74
Moore Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
Zion	.....	1	3	.....	100
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Damascus	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
New Providence	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
Shallow Ford	.....	1	.....	.....	41
Hayes' Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
Smyrna	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
Midway	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
Pleasant Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Martha's Chapel	14	.....	.....	.....	28
Apple's Chapel	23	.....	1	.....	100
Salem Chapel	2	.....	.....	.....	123
Good Hope	.....	1	.....	.....	63
Mount Zion	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Bethlehem	25	.....	.....	2	125
Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
Mount Bethel	12	1	.....	1	41
Hines' Chapel	6	.....	.....	1	27
Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
Concord	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
Liberty	.....	.....	.....	.....	55
Pleasant Grove, Va	18	.....	.....	.....	75
Reece's	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Mt. Pisgah	4	.....	.....	.....	30
New Elam	6	2	1	.....	62
Brown's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Liberty School House	2	2	.....	.....	14
Total	249	24	16	6	3177

MINUTES.

WAKE CHAPEL,
Wake County, N. C., Nov. 19, 1869.

The "NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE" met, pursuant to adjournment, at this place to-day, and, in the temporary absence of the proper officers, was called to order by Rev. Alfred Apple, the oldest minister present.

On motion, Rev. R. C. Tuck was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion, the roll of ministers and churches was called, when a quorum was ascertained to be present.

The chair then announced that Conference was ready to proceed with the election of officers.

On motion, the election was deferred until to-morrow.

On motion of Rev. J. N. Farrell, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Wellons.

SATURDAY, Nov. 20th.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. A. Apple in the chair. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Manning.

The roll of ministers and churches was again called, with the following result:

ELDERS PRESENT—Alfred Apple, J. W. Wellons, J. N. Farrell, R. G. Tinnin, D. T. Deanes, R. C. Tuck, J. W. Hatch, W. T. Walker, H. B. Hayes, J. I. Hobby, Solomon Apple, J. N. Manning, Wm. S. Long, C. A. Apple, C. A. Boon, D. A. Long, E. W. Beale, W. H. Franks, Alfred Iseley.

ELDERS ABSENT—Thos. J. Fowler, Chastien Allen, Anthony Franks, L. Lambeth, Thos. Truitt, Job S. Swift, A. G. Anderson, P. W. Allen, W. D. Moffitt, James M. Minnis.

LICENTIATES PRESENT—W. G. Clements.

LICENTIATES ABSENT—L. C. Madison, Abner Apple, P. R. Jones, James K. Gibson, J. B. Ausley.

LAY DELEGATES—J. H. Fleming, J. A. Long, C. H. Mann A. A. Farmer, Wm. P. Farmer, G. R. Gunter, Alfred Moring' James A. Farrell, S. M. Holt, R. F. Tuck, George Kernodle' James Gilliam, Henry Marshall, Wesley Jenkins, Alious Stone' Benjamin Dixon, B. Barber, D. C. Fuquay, W. W. Johnson' James Johnson, James Gunter, W. J. Winston, D. Bragg, B. J. Blackley, Sion Mitchell, D. C. Murchison, A. J. Powell, Alex. Utley.

Conference then proceeded to ballot for a President, when Rev. Solomon Apple was elected to fill that position. Bro. Apple on taking the chair addressed the Conference in appropriate terms, thanking his brethren for this renewed expression of their confidence and esteem, he having many times before filled this responsible office.

A motion to elect a Vice-President was lost, that office not being provided for in our Form of Government.

On motion, Rev. C. A. Apple was chosen to assist the standing Secretary, Rev. J. N. Manning, in the duties of his office.

On motion, Rev. W. B. Wellons, of the Eastern Virginia Conference, was invited to a seat in the Conference as an advisory member. Bro. Wellons, on taking his seat, stated that he came in the two-fold capacity of President of the General Convention and as fraternal messenger from his own Conference to this body. He continued his remarks to some length, giving timely counsel to the members of Conference.

On motion, the letters from the various churches were called for. A motion by Rev. D. A. Long to refer without reading, was lost. The letters were then read in Conference, after which they were referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. W. S. Long moved to appoint a special committee of three on "committees."

Pending the consideration of this motion, Conference took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met, the President in the chair.

Bro. Long's motion to appoint a committee on "committees," was taken up and lost.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. York, Burt and Betts, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Mr. Markham, of the Baptist Church, were invited to seats as honorary members.

On motion of Rev. J. N. Manning, the delivery of the Annual Sermon was deferred until Monday at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Wellons, the chair was requested to appoint a Committee on Religious Exercises. Accordingly, the chair appointed R. G. Tinnin, W. W. Johnson, D. C. Fuquay, said committee.

On motion, the election of delegates to the General Convention was made the special order for Monday at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Rev. C. A. Apple, Rev. H. B. Hayes was appointed to prepare an account of the statistics of this Conference, and was also instructed to append the post office addresses of all the ministers.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Hatch was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Committee on Home Missions during the present session.

On motion of Rev. J. N. Manning, the chair was requested to appoint a Committee on Church Records. Whereupon the chair appointed Rev. D. A. Long, Rev. R. C. Tuck and D. C. Murchison.

The fraternal messengers to the various Conferences made their several reports, giving encouraging accounts of the progress of our cause in various sections visited by them.

Conference then elected fraternal messengers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Eastern Virginia Conference—J. N. Manning, A. Apple, S. Apple, J. W. Wellons.

Deep River Conference—T. J. Fowler, D. T. Deanes.

Valley Va. Conference—J. N. Manning, D. A. Long.

Georgia Conference—R. C. Tuck.

N. C. Conference M. P. Church—James W. Wellons.

Conference then adjourned to meet on Monday, at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Rev. A. Iseley.

MONDAY, Nov. 22d.

Conference convened, and was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Manning.

The proeeedings of Saturday were read and approved.

Conferenee then proeeeded, according to previous order, to the eleetion of delegates to the General Convention. The election resulted as follows:

Ministers—Alfred Apple, J. N. Manning, Alfred Iseley, J. W. Wellons, Solomon Apple. Alternates—Wm. S. Long, E. W. Beale.

Laymen—A. Moring, J. H. Fleming, J. M. Smith, H. Marshall, A. A. Farmer. Alternates—Jos. C. Holt, W. K. Martin.

Conference then took a recess to hear the Annual Sermon.

Rev. W. S. Long then delivered a very excellent and deeply impressive diseourse from Ephesians v., 25, 26, 27: "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Bro. Long was listened to with marked attention, and all felt profited by his faithful portraiture of the Church of God.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Rev. J. N. Manning, the chair was requested to appoint a special committee on Periodicals. Whereupon the chair appointed J. N. Manning, A. Iseley, W. S. Long.

Rev. C. A. Apple offered the following:

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to Rev. Wm. S. Long, for the able, earnest and impressive discourse which he has this day delivered in our presence. Unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your standing Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report: The primary object of the Sabbath school is to take care of the children—those who are destined soon to fill all important stations in church and state. It is the business of the Sabbath school to

look after the *children*. It does not expend its energies upon old people —upon those whose habits and notions have been so long confirmed, that there is but little reason to expect success. It turns its chief attention and care to a more hopeful department of society. It labors with the children—with *susceptible minds*—with those upon whom it may be presumed the motives of the Gospel have not yet lost their power.

If it be true, as Lord Brougham has said, that a child receives more ideas in the first six years of his life than in all the remainder, however long he may live; or even if it be true, according to Dr. Dwight, that the first seven years of human life are more important for intellectual and moral training than any other seven years, then too much pains cannot be taken to instil into the mind and heart, during these years, that kind of instruction which will prepare the young beginner in life to act well his part in all future time.

1. It is a well known fact that thousands of children are growing up in our impoverished country in utter ignorance of the first rudiments of a common school education. Now the Sunday school looks after the mental culture of these children, in so far as is necessary to give them an intelligent view of their relations to society and to God. They are taught to read, that the Bible—the fountain of spiritual knowledge—may be opened to them, and that they may read of Jesus and of heaven. Many children never attend any other school, and probably never would learn to read, but for the facilities afforded them in the Sunday school.

2. The *morals* of children are taken care of by keeping them out of idleness and vice on the Sabbath day. This was, indeed, the primary object of Robert Raikes, the original founder. Many who are now the subjects of Sabbath school instruction, would otherwise desecrate the day by indulging in sinful pleasures, or by associating with the profligate and the irreligious.

3. But the *ultimate aim* of Sabbath school instruction is *to save the souls of the children from death*, and to qualify them for the higher and holier service of God. It is to show them their lost and ruined condition, as sinners, and the way of salvation through Christ, the Redeemer. It is to elevate their aspirations from the groveling pursuits of time and sense, that they may seek for glory, and honor, and eternal life. This is pre-eminently the ultimate aim of this noble institution.

Now this work of training up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord devolves primarily and chiefly upon parents. And, woe to the parent who neglects it! Yet, it is too often neglected or imperfectly performed. Many are incompetent; others are indifferent to the subject. Just here the Sunday school comes to their assistance—not, indeed, to release the parent from responsibility, for that it cannot do—but to aid him in the accomplishment of this important work. And what an auxiliary this institution has proved itself to be! How clearly the seal of the Holy Ghost has been impressed thereupon, as witnessed in the conversion and union with the church of a large proportion of those who have been taught in the Sabbath schools. In some localities, they are almost the only sheaves which our ministers are gathering into the harvest of the Lord. They are those who, among our converts, are immovable and abounding in the work of the Lord; because they stand in the *knowledge of the truth*, as it is in Jesus. Great as the good, already accomplished, is, it is as nothing compared with what it would be, if all were earnestly and heartily engaged in it. Every minister and every church member should see to it that this important work is not neglected. The pious and intelligent should be selected as teachers. The best books and papers should be placed in the hands of the children. Too much care cannot be bestowed in these particulars—the teachers and the matter taught. The schools should be carefully organized. A judicious classification will facilitate improvement. The Bible classes may be large; but the small children should be arranged in small classes. We refer the schools in this Conference to the recommendations of the Sabbath School Convention connected with this body.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. LONG, *Chairman.*

The report called forth stirring addresses from Bros. W. S. Long, C. A. Apple, W. B. Wellons, and many others; after which, it was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Long, the chair was requested to appoint a committee of three to consider, and report upon a question propounded to this body by the church at Oak Level. The chair appointed C. A. Apple, A. Iseley, A. Apple.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9½ o'clock A. M. Prayer by Rev. D. A. Long.

TUESDAY, Nov. 23d.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Wm. T. Walker.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Long, the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. was set apart for ministerial reports.

The chair then announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

On Education—J. N. Manning, C. A. Apple, W. S. Long.

On Home Missions—J. W. Wellons, J. N. Farrell, A. Moring.

On Sabbath Schools—W. S. Long, E. W. Beale, D. T. Deanes.

On Temperance—D. A. Long, A. Iseley, D. C. Murchison.

On motion, Rev. S. Apple was added to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Church Records made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH RECORDS.

Your Committee on Church Records beg leave to report: That only seven (7) churches have presented their records for examination, to wit: Mt. Bethel, Wake Chapel, Pope's Chapel, New Providence, Salem Chapel, Good Hope and Pleasant Hill, Chatham. Most of these have been neatly kept, but some of them would have been much more intelligible had the several secretaries followed the suggestions made at our last annual Conference. We hope, however, that the day is not far distant when the pastors within our Conference will have the records of their churches neatly and faithfully kept.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. LONG, *Chairman.*

After remarks explaining and enforcing the necessity for the regulation requiring churches to submit their records to Conference, from Rev. J. N. Manning, Rev. D. A. Long, and others, the report was adopted.

Rev. C. A. Apple offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That every church be particularly urged to send up its records for inspection at our next annual session, and that the pastors be requested to see that the matter is properly attended to.

Rev. C. A. Apple, from the committee appointed to consider a question proposed to this body by the church at Oak Level, reported as follows:

REPORT.

Your committee appointed to consider the enquiry of the church at Oak Level, asking *what steps are proper to be taken with members who never attend*, beg leave to report: That, in our opinion, the subject is one of the gravest importance, requiring the most careful attention of this body, and of the church at large. We recommend that at each quarterly conference of the church the name of every member be called, and the names of those present and absent be carefully recorded. We also recommend that, *when* a member is absent from more than *two* quarterly conferences in succession, he be cited to appear before the church, and that if he can render no just excuse for absenting himself, he be dealt with as a disorderly member. No person should be excused but by a vote of the church, which might be done in the case of very old age, sickness, great family affliction, etc., etc.

We recommend that Conference appoint a committee on the Practical Working of the Church to report at our next annual session; as we are of opinion that time will not be afforded us to consider this subject properly during the present session.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Apple, *Chairman*.

After explanations by the chairman of the committee, Rev. W. B. Wellons and others, the report was adopted.

Rev. D. A. Long introduced a preamble and resolutions making it the duty of Conference to instruct her delegates to the General Convention to vote for certain alterations in the Declaration of Principles. Indefinitely postponed.

Rev. J. N. Manning, from the Committee on Periodicals, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals would make honorable and special mention of the CHRISTIAN SUN, edited by Rev. W. B. Wellons, at Suffolk, Va. This paper is in every way worthy of an extended patronage. It is equal in size to the largest religious periodicals published in the South, and contains a variety of matter, perhaps superior to any other, adapted alike to the wants of Christians of all persuasions, to farmers, families, and news-seekers—highly spiritual in its tone, and calculated to elevate the standard of education, morality and religion in every community. We think that a general knowledge of the *Christian Sun* would treble its circulation in this State, and we therefore recommend it to the warmest support of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MANNING, *Chairman*.

The report was ably discussed by Bros. Manning, W. B. Wellons, Iseley, S. Apple, and A. Apple, after which it was adopted.

Rev. W. S. Long offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each minister of this Conference be requested, if possible, to secure at least five (5) new subscribers for the *Christian Sun* at an early day, and more if he can do so.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a *rising vote*, the members *pledging themselves in a very solemn manner* to give their best energy to the work.

Rev. A. Iseley, from the Committee on Temperance, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report: That during the past year, the subject has received more attention and has excited a livelier interest than in former years. That the order of the "Friends of Temperance," recommended to the members of our church by this body at its two last sessions, has met, in many places, a warm and hearty reception, and that many new Councils have been organized and are in good working order. Your committee would recommend to the ministry and laity of this Conference to give their best and warmest support to this reform thus begun in our borders. Your committee are of opinion that our churches should discountenance in their members—the use of ardent spirits as a beverage—a practice pernicious both in its example and effects. Your committee would further recommend that the churches composing this Conference discountenance as an evil the making and vending of ardent spirits. Respectfully submitted.

A. ISELEY, *Chairman.*

Addresses in support of the sentiments contained in the report were delivered by Bros. Farrell, J. A. Long, C. A. Apple, A. Apple, and W. B. Wellons, after which the report was adopted by a rising vote of the Conference and the whole congregation, only three or four keeping their seats.

Conference then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met again at 2 P. M., and resumed its business.

On motion of Rev. A. Iseley, Rev. D. A. Long was appointed to deliver the annual address at our next regular session.

On motion, Conference decided to hold its next annual session at UNION, Halifax co., Va.

On motion, the name of Rev. James M. Minnis was ordered to be erased from the list of elders in this body, he having connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Wellons and Rev. H. B. Hayes were appointed to counsel and confer with the colored Christian Conference of North Carolina.

James I. Hobby, hitherto an elder in this Conference, then came forward and surrendered his credentials. The occasion being a very solemn one, the President called the Conference to join in prayer with Rev. W. B. Wellons. After an earnest petition from Bro. Wellons, Mr. Hobby took leave of the Conference.

Rev. A. Iseley offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, James I. Hobby, an elder in this Conference, has surrendered his license and credentials to this body, and desires to withdraw therefrom; therefore,

Resolved, That the name of James I. Hobby be erased from the list of ministers of this Conference.

On motion, the name of Job S. Swift, who has been for many years unheard from, was also ordered to be erased from the list of ministers.

On motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to correspond with ministers who have been habitually absenting themselves, and cite them to appear at our next session, and show cause for their absence.

On motion, Rev. Bros. A. Iseley, W. S. Long and E. W. Beale were re-appointed as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Conference then took a recess for fifteen minutes.

Night Session.

Conference resumed its business.

The Educational Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Education, the hackneyed theme of annual reports, is yet in its incipiency. In fact, we can scarcely say that it has much more than an ideal form; for there are no schools within our bounds under the fostering care of Conference, or that have in any way invited the attention of your committee. The intellectual wants of our people are, at present, almost wholly neglected by the church. This is a painful fact; but a regard for truth obliges us to be candid.

Your committee would direct and urge careful and immediate attention to this subject, and trust that Conference will no longer be satisfied with mere reports or recitals of acknowledged facts, but will at once set to work such agencies as will give a reasonable hope of success to this indispensable enterprise.

Our best resolutions and wisest suggestions will be unavailing, so long as we remain without the means for the accomplishment of our purposes. No enterprise of any magnitude, however worthy, can subsist or serve any desirable ends, without a moneyed basis. Without money, all our structures will be mere "castles in the air." We may very wisely apply means to noble ends, when obtained, but we must remain powerless un-

til we secure the means. Our first business, then, is to secure money. An effort for this purpose ought, perhaps, to precede all others.

Your committee think it well, and would recommend that agents be appointed in every church faithfully to represent this matter, and to collect all that, with diligence and industry, they may be able to obtain, with additional instruction to report quarterly to the chairman of the Committee on Education. We would further recommend, as an inducement to agents, that they be liberally rewarded in books, money or otherwise, in proportion to the amounts they may collect; those rewards to be paid the agents by your committee immediately after such quarterly report, if desired; the reports of the local agents to be kept on file, and the substance of them, as well as the amount forwarded, to be included in the annual reports of your committee.

The Educational Committee would further report, that Bro. Wm. W. Staley, a young man of much promise, came highly recommended from the church at New Providence, and has been admitted a member of the Biblical class.

Bro. Wm. G. Clements, a pious and devoted member of Conference, has labored very efficiently as a licentiate during the past year, preaching acceptably at every place to which he has been invited. The church at O'Kelly's Chapel warmly recommends his ordination, and thinks that his usefulness might thereby be extended. Your committee therefore suggest that Conference order his ordination as an elder in your body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MANNING, *Chairman.*

After some explanations, the report was adopted.

Rev. J. N. Manning offered the following:

Resolved, That the suggestions contained in the report of the Educational Committee be referred to said committee, and that they be empowered to act in the matter, in such manner as may seem to them best calculated to secure the desired results.

The resolution was adopted.

Rev. J. W. Wellons, from the Committee on Home Missions made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report: That they have made the following arrangements with ministers and churches for preaching during the next Conference year, to wit:

Union, (Alamance) Shallowford, Apple's and Bethlehem—A. Iseley.

Pleasant Hill, (Chatham,) Damascus, Wake Chapel and Pleasant Springs—J. N. Farrell.

Oak Level, Good Hope, Pope's Chapel, Liberty, Fuller's, Mt. Auburn, Midway, Union, (Halifax)—J. W. Wellons, A. Apple.

J. N. Manning has taken work in Eastern Virginia Conference.

Martha's Chapel, Christian Chapel, Pleasant Grove, N. C.—W. G. Clements.

Hines' Chapel, Salem Chapel—W. T. Walker.

Hayes' Chapel, Smyrna, Pleasant Hill, (Johnson,) Pleasant Union—H. B. Hayes, W. H. Franks, A. Franks.

P. R. Jones, without work. L. Lambeth, removed. P. W. Allen, Principal of Allen's Institute. W. D. Moffit removed to Missouri Conference. C. Allen to assist at Midway. L. C. Madison, unheard from.

Zion, Shallow Well, Moore Union—C. A. Boon.

Lebanon, Pleasant Grove, Va., Mt. Pisgah and Reece's—S. Apple.

Mt. Bethel, Liberty School House—D. T. Deanes.

D. A. Long takes work in the Valley Va. Conference. C. A. Apple

takes work in E. Va. Conference. R. C. Tuck will remove to Texas. W. S. Long, Principal of Graham High School.
Concord—A. G. Anderson.
New Elam, Bethel, Antioch—J. W. Hatch.
Hanks' Chapel—T. J. Fowler.
Brown's Chapel, Gant's and Parks' Stand—To be looked after by D. T. Deanes and W. T. Walker.
New Providence and Company's Shops—To be supplied.
Thos. Truitt without work.
Abner Apple to assist A. Iseley at Apple's Chapel.
E. W. Beale without work at his own request.
Mt. Zion—To be supplied by T. J. Fowler or E. W. Beale.
Newbern—Unsupplied.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WELLONS, *Chairman.*

After some remarks from Rev. J. W. Wellons, setting forth the necessity for a better system of ministerial supply, and encouraging the ministers and churches to be more earnest in their work, regretting, at the same time, that so many are seeking labor in sections outside the Conference, the report was adopted.

On motion, the name of J. B. Ausley was ordered to be struck from the list of licentiates of this Conference, he having united himself with the Deep River Conference.

On motion, Conference ordered four hundred (400) copies of the minutes of the present session to be printed, the work to be done under the direction of the Christian Board of Publication, and the minutes to be prepared for the press by Rev. C. A. Apple.

Rev. H. B. Hayes, appointed to report on the statistics of this Conference, and to add the post office addresses of the ministers, made his report, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, Conference decided to appoint four commissioners to confer with the "Christian Union" brethren of the Western States, if, in the opinion of the commissioners, such a conference should appear desirable. Conference therefore appointed Rev. Bros. J. N. Manning, D. A. Long, J. W. Wellons and A. Apple.

On motion, Conference appointed Rev. Bros. A. Iseley, W. S. Long and E. W. Beale, as an ordaining Presbytery to set apart Bro. W. G. Clements to the order and office of an elder in the church, at such time and place as they may select.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the brethren and friends at Wake Chapel for their hospitality to the members of Conference.

A vote of thanks was also tendered by Conference to its officers for prompt and faithful discharge of duty.

Conference then adjourned to meet at Union, Halifax co., Va., on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in November, 1870. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Wellons.

SOLOMON APPLE,
President.

J. N. MANNING, *S. Secretary.*
C. A. APPLE, *Assistant Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

A list of the names of the *Ministers* in the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, and their *Post Office addresses:*

Thomas J. Fowler.....Mebanesville, N. C.
Solomon Apple.....Milton, N. C.
Alfred Apple.....Red Bank, Va.
Alfred Iseley.....Company's Shops, N. C.
H. B. Hayes.....Raleigh, N. C.
Anthony Franks ..... " "
William S. Long.....Graham, N. C.
C. A. Apple.....Suffolk, Va.
R. G. Tinnin.....Cedar Grove, N. C.
William H. Franks.....Raleigh, N. C.
James W. Wellons.....Franklinton, N. C.
A. G. Anderson.....Anderson's Store, N. C.
J. N. Manning.....Norfolk, Va.
J. N. Farrell.....Locksville, N. C.
D. A. Long.....Harrisonburg, Va.
D. T. Deanes.....Summerfield, N. C.
C. A. Boon.....Pittsboro', N. C.
Wm. T. Walker.....Salem Chapel, Forsyth, N. C.
R. C. Tuck.....Pacific, N. C.
Thomas Truitt.....Company's Shops, N. C.
Chastien Allen.....Oxford, N. C.
P. W. Allen.....Salem Chapel, N. C.
E. W. Beale.....McRay's Store, N. C.
W. D. Moffitt.....Haynesville, Mo.
W. G. Clements.....Morrisville, N. C.
Abner Apple.....Gibsonville, N. C.
J. W. Hatch.....Pittsboro', N. C.
P. R. Jones.....Unknown.
J. K. Gibson.....Haywood, N. C.

REMARKS.

The annual session of 1869, though not so full as in some previous years, was, on the whole, most harmonious, profitable and interesting. Reports from the ministers and churches showed that there had been many gracious revivals in different sections, and that the prospect for the future is, on the whole, encouraging.

The report on Sabbath schools called forth several very earnest and animated addresses from those engaged in that work, and much enthusiasm was manifested on the subject by the brethren present. Our hopes in this direction are brighter than ever before.

The reports on Home Missions, Temperance, and Education, also elicited much attention, as did likewise the report on Periodicals and some other matters. But these last named enterprises are not in so flourishing a state as they might be. Still, with proper energy, there is much hope for the future.

The preaching during the Conference was earnest and impressive. Rev. D. T. Deanes preached on Friday. On Sunday Rev. W. B. Wellons preached in the house—a most impressive sermon on the Christian's life work—and Rev. A. Iseley preached at the same hour in the grove. In the afternoon Rev. Brantley York preached in the house and Rev. C. A. Apple in the grove. On Monday Rev. W. S. Long delivered the annual sermon, and Rev. R. C. Tuck preached in the grove in the afternoon. On Tuesday Rev. D. A. Long preached to the congregation in the grove.

UNION, the place for the next meeting of the Conference, is in Halifax co., Va., about twelve miles from South Boston, at Wolf Trap Station, on the Richmond and Danville Railroad.

THE CHRISTIANS.

As a separate and distinct organization, the CHRISTIANS came into existence near the close of the last century. The denomination was at first composed mainly of seceders from the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. James O'Kelly, of Virginia, as the leading spirit in the movement.

THEIR DISTINCTIVE PRINCIPLES.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.
2. The name Christian, to the exclusion of all party or sectarian names.
3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character, or vital piety the only test of fellowship, or church membership.
5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience, the privilege and duty of all.

The CHRISTIANS advocate union among all the followers of Christ; are ready to join in worship with all who call upon God with a pure heart, and serve him in spirit and in truth. All who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ are invited by them to communion at the Lord's table.

A Declaration of Principles, Form of Government and Directory for Worship, in accordance with their distinctive principles, has been devised, and is in common use among them. Price 75 cents. For sale at the *Christian Sun* office.

The CHRISTIAN SUN, published weekly at Suffolk, Va., by Rev. W. B. Wellons, is the acknowledged organ of the denomination. The SUN is put to subscribers at $3 per year, or $1.50 for six months.

A new Hymn Book has just been published, containing 1,016 Hymns and Chants, with which is published the Declaration of Principles, Form of Government and Directory for Worship. Price, bound in sheep, $1 per copy. Fine morocco bound, $1.75 per copy. For sale at the *Christian Sun* office.

A history of the Rise and Progress of the CHRISTIAN Organization is now ready for the press, and will ere long be given to the public.

Plans are being matured for the re-establishment of the High Schools and Colleges suspended during the late war, and the establishment of others. And soon all the machinery necessary to the permanent success of a denomination, will be in good working order.

This is appended for the eyes of strangers into whose hands a copy of these proceedings may happen to fall.